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Applicants: Hui Chen and John W. Lawler

Application No.: 09/606,763

Group: 1653

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For: Purification and Use of Human Recombinant Cartilage Oligomeric Matrix Protein

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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment for filing in the above-identified application.

[X] Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a Small Entity Statement previously submitted.

[] A Small Entity Statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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X	\$ 9	\$ 0
X	\$42	\$ 0
+	\$140	\$

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X	\$18	\$
X	\$84	\$
+	\$280	\$

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on January 9, 2003 in the above-identified application. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Please amend Claims 17, 19 and 37-42.